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Dear Judiciary Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to vote against Raised Bill 6690, the law which would allow for court-appointed advocates for animals in criminal and civil proceedings where custody or welfare of animals is at stake.

I have owned dogs, cats, and farm animals in my 30 years here in Connecticut. I am a firm believer in property rights and also in prosecution of animal cruelty. However, this law goes too far. It would waste valuable resources and divert court time toward an agenda that can only have animal rights activism at its source. Our state laws against animal cruelty are already forward-thinking, including a felony law. Raised Bill 6690 will not only muddy the waters during valuable court proceedings, it would also drag civil proceedings down into the mud. I don't know of any civil case that would benefit from a court advocate investigating what an animal's best interests are, but I doubt that the circus that would ensue is something Connecticut courts and taxpayers want or have time for. Thank you for considering my views.

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